

WEATHER FORECAST.  
Increasing cloudiness to-day; followed  
at night by snow or rain; colder to-day.  
Highest temperature yesterday, 58; lowest, 49.  
Detailed weather reports on last page.

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IT SHINES FOR ALL

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## SENATE PASSES REVENUE BILL; TAXES LUXURY

Levy of 100 Per Cent. on  
Campaign Gifts of More  
Than \$500.

## POSTAL ZONES TO GO

Month's Pay for All Soldiers  
and Sailors Discharged  
After Nov. 11.

## MODIFY CLOTHING RULE

Assessment On Industrial and  
Agricultural Automobiles  
Stricken Out.

## U. S. Troops in France Canvassed for Return

## CAPITAL PUT ON BONE DRY BASIS

## NO MORE "WET" EDGES

## Alcohol Belt Around Wash- ington Will Lose Big Trade Under Regulations.

## PLAN IS MOOTED FOR PERMANENT ROADS CONTROL

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## WILSON TO DEMAND OPEN SESSIONS; WINNING SUPPORT IN GREAT BRITAIN; OPPOSES SINKING OF GERMAN FLEET

## PRESIDENT TO KEEP SENATE INFORMED ON PEACE MOVES

## Backing of Balfour and Bonar Law Counted On by Americans.

## PREMIER IS DOUBTFUL Chief Difference Regarding Naval Power, English Being Unsympathetic.

## COLONIES ALSO PROBLEM Some Hold U. S. Should Ad- minister German Posses- sions Temporarily.

## By LAURENCE HILLS. Staff Correspondent of The Sun.

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## PARIS, Dec. 23.—The Senate

## passed to-night the revenue bill

## practically as it came from the Finance

## Committee with only unimportant

## amendments. In the course of the

## final day's deliberations the radical

## element in the Senate assumed the

## upper hand long enough to force

## back into the measure the semi-

## luxury taxes and also to compel the

## inclusion in the measure of a tax of

## 100 per cent. on campaign contribu-

## tions in excess of \$500 from any in-

## dividual, firm or corporation, with

## heavy penalties for infraction of the

## proposed law.

## A special provision that every of-

## ficer and man of the United States

## naval and military forces shall be

## paid one month of extra salary at

## the time of his discharge was in-

## cluded.

## Burlison Plan Defeated.

## Almost the concluding act of the

## Senate to-night was the ratification

## in the open Senate of the Finance

## Committee's action in the matter of

## postal rates. The elimination of the

## zone system of charges for second

## class mail matter, the net measure of

## U. S. Troops in France Canvassed for Return

PARIS, Dec. 23.—To learn the proportion of the American army in France wishing to return home immediately, or remain in France for a time or indefinitely, the American army authorities are distributing circulars to the troops. Every effort will be made so far as possible to give preferential passage to those soldiers eager to return at once.

## CAPITAL PUT ON BONE DRY BASIS

Private Shipments Cut Off by Measure Adopted in Senate.

## NO MORE "WET" EDGES

Alcohol Belt Around Washington Will Lose Big Trade Under Regulations.

## Special Despatch to The Sun.

## WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—By 42 to 18

## the Senate to-day to extend the

## operation of the Reed bone dry law to

## include the District of Columbia. Upon

## an amendment by Senator Sheppard

## (Tex.), author of the District prohibi-

## tion law and the amendment to the

## Federal Constitution, the question was

## put squarely up to the Senate.

## On many occasions Senator Shep-

## pard's efforts to attach his pet mea-

## sure to appropriation measures have

## been frustrated by the ruling of the

## various presiding officers. To-day

## there was no such opposition.

## Under the terms of the proposed

## prohibition law in the District of Colum-

## bia the importation of alcoholic bev-

## erages for personal use by the indi-

## viduals is prohibited when accompa-

## nied by an affidavit that the goods

## are neither for sale nor for the use of

## any one else than the consumer is

## legal. Since the law went into effect

## on November 1, 1917, there has been

## a thriving business done in Washing-

## ton by liquor dealers of nearby cities,

## particularly Baltimore and Philadel-

## phia, the nearest "wet" points.

## In the course of the consideration

## of Senator Sheppard's amendment the

## Texas Senator sent to the desk letters

## from the Commissioners of the Dis-

## trict of Columbia and from the local

## superintendent of police averring that

## the enactment of a real bone dry law

## would be a crying necessity by reason

## of the thriving business now being done

## by "bootleggers."

## Only Senator Phelps (Cal.) rose to

## defend the citizens of Washington

## from the approaching drought. He

## PLAN IS MOOTED FOR PERMANENT ROADS CONTROL

Interstate Commerce Committee of the House Discusses Quick Action.

## OPPOSITION SEE DANGER

Chairman Sims, Who Favors Idea, Will Be Guided by Majority Opinion.

## Special Despatch to The Sun.

## WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A measure

## for complete and immediate Govern-

## ment control of the railroads instead

## of the McAdoo plan to extend the

## present Government control for five

## years is a possibility that is receiving

## consideration it was admitted to-

## night by Democratic members of the

## House Interstate Commerce Commit-

## tee.

## Supporters and opponents of the

## McAdoo plan agreed that putting it

## into effect would mean almost in-

## evitable Government control at the

## expiration of the five-year period. The

## fight in Congress for and against the

## Administration plan will be waged on

## this basis and it is now being seri-

## ously considered whether it would not

## be a wiser move to substitute for the

## McAdoo plan a program for provid-

## ing for the outright purchase of the

## railroads by the Government now.

## Chairman Sims of the Interstate

## Commerce Committee unreservedly is

## for Government control of the rail-

## roads. He is prepared, however, to

## commit himself to the majority of his

## committee as the guide for his posi-

## tion and will not press any measure

## for immediate Government ownership

## unless he is backed up in it by the

## committee he heads.

## Would Run Roads at Cost.

## "I believe that Government control

## of transportation facilities is the only

## correct system," Mr. Sims told The

## Sun correspondent to-night. "I do

## not believe the public should be forced

## to pay more than the actual cost of

## transportation of passengers and

## freight. It should not be made to pay

## a profit to the owners of the facilities.

## "In many cases not only is a profit

## paid from charges assessed against the

## traveling and shipping public on the

## GERMANY MAY RESUME WAR, WOLFF WARNS

Berlin Editor Asserts People Will Rebel at Economic Impotency.

## URGES STANDING ARMY

Count Reventlow Also Hints at Possibility of Future Hostilities.

## Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

## LONDON, Dec. 23.—"We rely on Pres-

## ident Wilson to stand fast in his pro-

## gramme and are counting on real

## peace negotiations, not a dictated

## peace," said Theodor Wolff, editor of

## the liberal Berliner Tageblatt, in a re-

## cent interview. "We will demand that

## the question of Alsace-Lorraine be

## decided by a vote of the people, and

## demand also the independence of the

## German eastern provinces and of Ger-

## man Austria.

## "We depend on the Entente not to

## lay upon us new economic burdens

## which will lead to further hatred. If

## the Entente attempts to say that Ger-

## many, now humbled, is powerless, they

## will reckon falsely, for sixty million

## people cannot indefinitely lie down be-

## fore such threats.

## Again Will Be a Power.

## "Germany will rise again and be a

## powerful factor in the European fam-

## ily. Her central position is dominant

## and she cannot be held down. Ger-

## many hitherto used a different lan-

## guage and committed a great mistake

## in allowing herself to be drawn into

## a dream of Pan-Germanism, and in

## undervaluing other countries.

## "Although Germany and Austria

## must bear the responsibility for war

## other lands also bear an enormous re-

## sponsibility. The Chauvinism of the

## Paris press under President Poin-

## caré's regime and France's attempt

## to compel Russia to build strategic

## Volga railways forced the Berlin Gov-

## ernment to agree to Austria's plan.

## "We must pay for the damage

## wrought by our U-boats and for the

## breach of Belgian neutrality, but we

## have now overthrown the old regime.

## "Germany's position is not yet clear.

## What we lack to-day is an organized

## standing army, not only to defend the

## WILSON TO BE IN ENGLAND 6 DAYS

Revised Itinerary Will Bring Him Back to Paris on New Year's.

## IN CARLISLE OVER SUNDAY

Important Speech in Manchester on Monday—Three Days of Conferences.

## Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

## PARIS, Dec. 23.—The latest changes

## made by the British Government in

## the itinerary of President Wilson's

## visit to England would bring him back

## to Paris on New Year's Day. He will

## pass Thursday, Friday and Saturday

## in London, and will have conferences

## on Saturday with Premier Lloyd

## George, Foreign Secretary Balfour and

## Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the

## Exchequer. The President will be at

## Carlisle on Sunday and will make an

## important speech in Manchester on

## Monday. He will return to London

## Tuesday and will start the same day

## for Paris, where he will arrive Wednes-

## day.

## The President's Christmas pro-

## gramme provides for his leaving Paris

## on a special train at 1 o'clock in the

## morning. The schedule providing for

## the train's arrival at Chaumont, Gen-

## eral's headquarters, at 7 A. M. The

## party will take automobiles thence

## to Langres, where the review of Amer-

## ican troops by the President will take

## place. The President will take lunch

## at midday with the troops, returning

## to Chaumont in the afternoon. On the

## return the train will leave Chaumont

## at 4 P. M. and reach Paris at 9 o'clock

## in the evening.

## The President will be accompanied

## by Mrs. Wilson, her secretary, Miss

## Benham, Dr. Grayson, an aide-de-

## camp and the President's private sec-

## retary.

## WILL LEARN BRITISH PEACE TERMS FRIDAY

## President to Meet War Cab-

## inet in London Then.

## Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

## LONDON, Dec. 23.—It is expected that

## on Friday, the day following President

## Wilson's arrival in England, for his

## visit will be devoted to a discussion

## by the President with the British War

## WILSON TO DEMAND OPEN SESSIONS; WINNING SUPPORT IN GREAT BRITAIN; OPPOSES SINKING OF GERMAN FLEET

Publicity Plan He Advocates Will Develop Each Step of Treaty as the Sections Are Drafted by Conference in Paris.

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## PARIS, Dec. 23.—The Sun has high

## authority for stating that President

## Wilson at the proper time will de-

## mand that the sessions of the peace

## conference be opened to the public,

## and also that he will insist upon a

## certain amount of publicity in con-

## nection with the preliminary confer-

## ences. Said The Sun's informant:

## "Some Senators evidently are fear-